(b) to (d) The Government had constituted a committee for reviewing the existing Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act 1995 and the rules framed thereunder to provide greater specificity to the provisions of existing codes. The Committee has submitted its report of the Government on 5.3.2008 which is available on the website of the Ministry *www.mib.nic.in* under the heading "Self Regulation Guidelines 2008".

The Government has also constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) to look into the violation of the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. The IMC either *suo-motu* or on receipt of complaints look into the violation and thereafter gives its recommendations of the Government, based on which action is taken as per rules.

Use of Chinese handsets

*154. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cheap Chinese handsets are selling in Indian markets, which do not have an international mobile equipment identity and these pose a threat to India's security; and

(b) if so, the details of measures Government is taking or contemplating to take to ban cheap Chinese mobile handsets as most of the countries have strictly banned this kind of electronic devices?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) It has come to the notice of the Government that Chinese mobile handsets without International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) numbers are available in the market. As per Security Agencies, sometimes they use IMEI in tracking anti-social elements, and to that extent it becomes difficult for Security Agencies to trace persons using handsets without IMEI numbers.

(b) The Department of Telecommunications has issued direction to all the Access Service Providers (Licensees for Cellular Mobile Telecom Service (CMTS)/Unified Access Service (USA)/Basic (Service) for making provision of Equipment Identity Register (EIR) in their networks by 31.3.2009, so that calls from mobile handsets without IMEI or Electronic Serial Number (ESN) as the case may be, or calls from mobile handsets with IMEI/ESN of all zeros, are not processed and rejected. Further, although import of Cellular, mobile handsets is allowed under Open General Licence, with a view of safeguard Security, the Government has notified to Customs to allow import of mobile handsets after declaration of IMEI numbers only.

Doubling of India's loan entitlement

*155. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of recession and decline in foreign investment, Government has approached World Bank to double India's loan entitlement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present position of borrowing of loans by Government from foreign agencies;

(d) the interest to be paid by Government on such borrowings; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to make payments of the principal loan amounts?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) To mitigate the challenges arising out of the global financial crisis, the Government of India has expressed to the World Bank, its willingness to avail of additional loan assistance of US $5.2 billion over two years, *i.e.*, upto June, 2010. This will be over and above the average IBRD loan assistance of around US $1.5-2.0 billion per year. The following four projects have been posed to the World Bank for additional financing:—

(i) Recapitalization of Public Sector Banks and National Housing Bank— US $3.4 billion;

(ii) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited— US $1.0 billion;

(iii) India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited— US $0.6 billion; and

(iv) Small and Medium Enterprises Financing and Development Project (SIDBI)— US $0.2 billion.

(c) and (d) As on 31.01.2009, the total amount of loans borrowed by Government from foreign Governments, which is routed through Government Budget, is Rs. 256575.34 crore.

Interest payable by Government on such borrowings (including commitment charges) is Rs. 4313.37 crore as projected in Budget Estimates (BE) 2009-10.

(e) Adequate provisions are made in the Budget for the repayment of Principal Loan as well as interest as per loan agreement to make payments as per agreed schedule.

Ganga Action Plan

*156. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that more than 1.4 billion litres of untreated affluent is flowing into Ganga river daily and at a number of places the quality of water is worse than when the Ganga Action Plan was initiated on which Rs. 1500 crore has been spent, which has gone down the drain;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has chalked out any time bound plan for cleaning Ganga river; and